



Docket No.: K21409USWO (C038435/0185656)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Tatsuo HOSHINO and Masako SHINJOH) Examiner: G. Raghu
Serial No.: 10/528,673) Art Unit: 1652
Filed: March 23, 2005)
For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
L-ASCORBIC ACID**

New York, New York
February 12, 2007

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before February 12, 2007 because February 11, 2007 fell on a Sunday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7, 1.8, and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Application No.: 10/528,673
Amendment Dated: February 12, 2007
Reply to Office Action Dated: August 11, 2006

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 8 of this paper.